[Mr. T. Kumara Pillai.]

(*b*) What village roads and cartable roads in that taluk are being left this year without the usual maintenance grant being expended on them?

(*c*) Has the Sub-divisional Officer diverted any amount from the maintenance grant for the village roads and cartable roads in the taluk, for any other works?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes; as far as possible.

(*b*) Some minor roads were proposed by the Executive Engineer to be left out, but this has not been approved of by the Chief Engineer.

(*c*) The answer is in the negative.

Arur-Arakkuzha Road.

167. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha*): In view of the fact that it is very difficult to take vehicles along the Main Central Road between Kuttattukulam and Muvattupuzha on account of the obstacle caused by the Arur ridge, will the Government be pleased to extend by two miles the road opened by the people through the level country to the east of that ridge along the Arakkuzha village, and connect it with the Kuttattukulam road?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the affirmative. There is a provision of Rs. 8,000 in the draft budget for 1099 for improving the *ghat* portions of the Main Central Road between Kozha and Muvattupuzha.

Admission to Schools and Transfer Certificates.

168. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha*): (*a*) Have the Government had occasion to know that people are generally undergoing great difficulties in the matter of getting students admitted into the schools and for getting their transfer certificates from them?

(*b*) If so, will the Government make the necessary arrangements at once to remove the difficulties of the people in this matter?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Government have no information.

(*b*) The question does not arise.

Leave availed of by the present Sanitary Commissioner.

169. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel cum Vilavankod*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state on how many occasions and for what periods in each case the present Sanitary Commissioner has gone on leave since he resumed charge of the Sanitary Department?

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(*b*) Was the leave sanctioned as per the provisions of the Civil Service Regulations ?

(*c*) If not, will the Government be pleased to state the special reasons for the deviation ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) The Sanitary Commissioner was on privilege leave on two occasions, in the first case for 6 days in continuation of the Christmas holidays and in the second for 2 months from the 16th Makaram, 1098.

(*b*) & (*c*) When Mr. Krishnamurti Aiyar applied for leave on the second occasion, two months had not elapsed since his last return from privilege leave, and he was not strictly eligible for leave under Article 182 of the Service Regulations. He, however, stated that his health had broken down on account of his arduous work in connection with the Census and that he needed leave urgently for rest and change. In these circumstances, privilege leave for one and a half months was granted from the 16th Makaram, 1098, as a special case. This was afterwards extended to two months.

Fee Concessions.

170. MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattamattitta*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether remission of full fees is allowed to all Christians who are converts from the depressed classes ;

(*b*) whether the Muslims who are converts from depressed classes will be allowed the same privilege ;

(*c*) whether this privilege is granted only to converts in this generation or to sons of converts also ;

(*d*) whether Government have ascertained the educational conditions of the different classes among Christians ;

(*e*) what the probable additional educational expenditure will be on account of remission of fees ; and

(*f*) whether the Government are prepared to extend the same privilege to educationally backward persons in all communities ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) The member is referred to G. O. Dis. No. 609 of 23/Leg. E. dated the 16th June, 1923.

(*b*) Yes, if there are any such and if they put forward the claim.

(*c*) To all Christian converts from the depressed classes.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) About Rs. 85,000.

(*f*) The privilege cannot be extended to educationally backward persons in all communities.

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